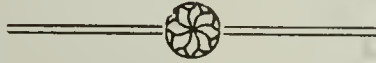


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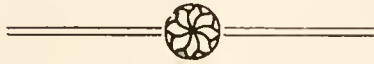
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May, 1926.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of your district for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

The estimated population for 1925 is 5,740, being 62 less than last year.

THE BIRTH RATE. The number of births registered was 79, viz. : 47 Boys and 32 Girls, 2 boys being illegitimate, and one girl illegitimate, two sets of twins were born. This gives a Birth Rate of 13.76 per 1,000 of the population, as against 14.03 for 1924. Four fewer births than last year.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL gives the birth rate for England and Wales for 1925 as 18.3 per 1,000 total population.

THE DEATH RATE. There were 86 deaths, viz. : 39 males, and 47 females; 25 died in Institutions outside the district. This gives a rate of 14.98 per 1,000 of the population as against 16.7 in 1924.

There were 5 deaths of children under 1 year : 3 males and 2 females. This gives a rate of 63 per 1,000 births.

The Registrar General gives the rate of England and Wales as 75 per 1,000 births.

Of the deaths the ages are as follows :—

Under 1 year	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1
Over 1 year and under 5 years	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	—
Over 5 years and under 15 years	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	—
Over 15 years and under 25 years	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	—
Over 25 years and under 45 years	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	2
Over 45 years and under 65 years	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	9
Over 65 years	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	13
				—				—
				Total	86			25
					—			—

The deaths of 65 and upwards were 38, giving a percentage of 44.18 of total deaths, or 6.62 per 1,000 of the population.

THE RESPIRATORY DISEASES, including Pneumonia and Bronchitis were 14, giving a percentage of 16.38 total deaths, or 2.43 per 1,000 population.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS caused 3 deaths, giving a percentage of 3.4 of total deaths, or .54 per 1,000 of the population. Decrease from the previous year.

CANCER AND MALIGNANT DISEASES caused 11 deaths, giving a percentage of 12.81 of total deaths, or 1.91 per 1,000 of the population. Increase from the previous year.

There were two deaths from suicide; one woman poisoned herself with gas and the other woman drowned herself.

Zymotic Death Rate was .54 per 1,000 of the population.

Two children died from whooping cough and one from meningitis.

The number of notifiable cases were 20 as against 71 last year.

Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1	Removed to Hospital.
Influenza Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	5	3 to Sanatorium.
Other than Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	...	1	
						—	
						20	
						—	

You will notice from the above report that the number of infectious diseases notified is very considerably less than last year. I attribute this to the improved sanitation and close watch kept by parents and school teachers and health authorities over the children.

The general health of the district has been very good.

The fact that the population has decreased by 62 will help to alleviate the small amount of overcrowding. I have only been notified of one case during the year.

The water supply has been satisfactory.

We have been complying with the scheme laid out in 1924 in connection with the W.C. System, and it has been most satisfactory. There have been 116 re-constructed to water closets, and it is hoped the remainder will be accomplished at this rate when possible. All the covered middens cannot be converted owing to the climatic and drainage conditions.

The Cow Sheds and Slaughterhouses have been kept in a clean condition, and repairs have been executed where needed.

Ambler Thorn School was closed for 14 days from January 5th owing to a measles epidemic.

The Factories and Workshops conform to Regulations.

The Workshops are as follows :—

Bootmakers	5	Cloggers	2	Plumbers	2
Blacksmiths	2	Weaving Shed	1	Roller Coverer	1
Milliners	2	Joiners	8	Wheelwright	1
Dressmakers	2	Tailors	2	Bakehouses	7
Total 35.					

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. MURPHY.

TABLE C. 1925.

Queensbury Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.—Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only—65. Nuisances reported in 1925—40. Nuisances in hand, end of 1924—None. Notices served, Informal—20. Complied with—65. Notices served, Statutory—45. Complied with—45. Total needing abatement—None. Abated during 1925—65. Outstanding, end of 1925—None. Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—None. Filthy Houses, cleansing of—None. Common Lodging Houses—We have an hostel; Houses let in Lodgings—None; Canal Boats—None; Knackers Yards—None; Teuts, Vans and Sheds—None; Offensive Trades—None. Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers—Wellington St., 5, Victoria St. (b) Improvement of defective sewers—Commercial St., Lee St., Charles St., Derby St. Sewage Disposal Works (a) any inadequacy—Not at present; (b) Any complaints—No. Any sink wastes still needing disconnection—None.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—No. of Privies with open middens—2. No. of Pail or Tub Closets—48. No. of Privies with covered middens—664. No. of Water Closets—563. Waste Water Closets—164. No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925 (a) as W.C's.—116; (b) other—6 Privies. No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925. (a) W.C's.—4; (b) Other—None. No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) W.C's.—2; (b) other—None.

SCAVENGING.—Any change during 1925?—No. Performed by (a) Council—Yes; (b) Contractor—None; (c) Owners or Occupiers—None. How is refuse disposed of?—No. of loads to (a) Destructor—None; (b) Tips 3,722 loads; (c) Farmers—30 loads. Total annual cost—£385. Is there any inadequacy, and where?—Not at present. Any utilisation of waste material?—No.

WATER SUPPLY.—Any developments during 1925?—No. Restricted in any way?—No. Hours of day when cut off?—None. Any general insufficiency, and where?—No. Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where?—School Cote and Farm Cottages. Any new sources?—Supply improved. Any disused sources re-used?—No.

MILK SUPPLY—Are two registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? (a) For Retailers?—Yes. (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders?—Yes? Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of: "Certified" milk—No; "Grade A"—No. Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind—2. Results—Good. Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No. No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts—4. No. adulterated—None. Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925?—No. No. of Cows kept in District—424. No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk—46. No. registered—46. No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers—10. No. who are Milk Retailers only—26. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers registered—46. Total No. of Inspections in 1925, Cowkeepers—46; Retailers—All, with exception of few. Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations?—1877. Any Legal Action?—No. Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent?—No.

OTHER FOODS.—No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925—None. Any special examination of Milk for Dirt?—No. No. of seizures of unsound food—None. Any Public Abattoir?—No. No. of Slaughterhouses—8. Registered—8. Licenced—8. Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position?—No. No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected?—4. Total Inspections?—32. No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs—None; (b) Unsound Food—None; (c) re Slaughterhouses—None. Bakehouses, —7. Any underground?—No. Total No. of Inspections—14.

SCHOOLS.—No. of Schools in district—5. No. visited by M.O.H.—5. Action taken—Ambley Thorn for measles. Schools closed by M.O.H.—1.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.—No. of Smoke observations taken—Nil. No. of Workshops—35. No. of times each Workshop inspected—2. Total Inspections—70. Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed—No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.—Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925—None.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.—Cleansing of Footways and Pavements—1909, May; Scavenging—ditto; Prevention of Nuisances—ditto; Common Lodging Houses—ditto; New Streets and Buildings—1925; Alteration of Buildings—ditto; Slaughter Houses—1909; Houses let in Lodgings—1909.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.—Diseases specially prevalent in 1925?—Influenza. Any diseases specially added to notifiable list?—No. Any influences threatening the health of the District?—No. Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases?—No. Any prevalence of Jaundice and at what ages?—No.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.—(a) General: Accident—Nil. Children—Nil; (b) Local: Hospital, Cottage—Nil; (c) Infectious, General—Scarlet Fever, Long Lane, Ambler Thorn, nr. Halifax; Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases?—Schemes for removal to Halifax Infirmary; (c) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme—Nil. Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital—Nil. Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital—Nil; (b) Smallpox Hospital—No.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Inspection of patient's home and workshop—Yes. Examination for contacts—Yes. Is house disinfected?—Yes. When?—On removal of patient. Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed—No. Action re spitting—No. Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary?—Yes. Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum?—Removal to Sanatorium if desired. Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners?—Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory). Any suggestions—No.

INFANT MORTALITY. Any suggestions—No. Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare?—No. Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925—No. Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action—No. Suggestions will be welcomed regarding—(a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes—Nil; (b) Ante-natal Schemes—Nil.

VITAL STATISTICS. No. of Still Births during 1925—Nil. Deaths during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District *without any correction*—Males, 37; Females, 47. (2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above)—Nil.

MORTUARIES. What accommodation—(a) for accidents—Nil; (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital—Nil; (c) For other purposes—at Council Office. Any suggestions made by M.O.H.—No.

SANITARY STAFF. What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.?—£59. Name of Sanitary Inspector—A. E. Hutton. Annual Salary as Inspector—£188 8s. Other appointments held—Surveyor and Waterworks Manager. Salary for such other appointments—£136 12s. Any assistants?—Nil. Is staff sufficient—Yes. Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health?—Yes.

CLINICS. Any suggestions—(a) Tuberculosis—Nil. (b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest—Nil. (c) Child Welfare—Provided. (d) Ante-Natal—Provided. (e) School—Periodical Medical Inspection. (f) Dental—Periodical Dental Inspection. (g) Ophthalmic Periodical Ophthalmic Inspection.

REMARKS.—Voluntary Agencies for social betterment—No. District Nursing Association—Provided. Any Dispensary—No. Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.)—Provided. Dental Services—No. Midwifery Services—Provided. Propaganda work *re* Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases—No.

TABLE D. 1925.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1925.—Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects—22. Houses totally unfit (sections 17 and 18) 1909—Nil. Total inspected and recorded—100. Houses found satisfactory on inspection—88. Houses needing further action—12. Houses found with defects—12. Houses of this class remedied without formal notice—Nil. Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—12. Houses made fit after formal notice—12. Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner—Nil. Houses in regard to which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices—Nil. Houses found to be totally unfit—Nil.

OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSING.—Total number of houses in District—1807. Number of working-class houses—the majority. General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. 1., 1919—Good condition, plenty of air-space. Obstructive

Buildings.—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 37 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act?—Nil. Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925?—No. Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1924?—No. Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923?—No. Any scarcity of houses? If so, where?—Centre of District. Any overcrowding in houses, and where?—a few. Any special activity in house building, and where?—No. Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925 Act?—No. Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925—(a) Working-class Dwellings—1. (b) Other—1.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES.—Scheme under 1923 Act. Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act?—Yes. Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval?—Yes. Has it been approved?—Yes. Is assistance given to private individuals? By lump sum?—Yes. If so, how much—£100. Number of houses completed by Private Persons—Two.

TOWN PLANNING—Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925?—Yes. If so, which?—The Leeds and Bradford Region. Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme?—No. Any scheme contemplated?—Not at present. Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925?—No. Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925?—No. Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925?—No. Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925?—No. Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910—A. E. Hutton, Council Offices, Queensbury.

Signed—J. J. MURPHY, Medical Officer of Health.

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending 31st of December, 1925.

Number of Inspections made	Drains	400
Number of Inspections made—Privies, Ashpits, W.C's.		982
Number of Earthenware Pipes laid (House drains) yards		600
Number of Defective Pipes cleaned out and relaid yards		154
Number of Pipe Sewers cleaned with drain machine yds.		300
Number of old drains and sewers pulled out		30
Number of New Pipe Sewers laid		200
House Drains trapped and ventilated (where new drains made)		26
Sink Wastes repaired		18
Baths provided for Cottages		8
Privies and Ashpits re-built in place of defective ones ...		6
Privies and Ashpits repaired and provided with new doors		30
Houses provided with new Sponting (where worn out) ...		120
Clean Water Closets repaired		20
Waste Water Closets repaired		6
Clean Water Closets provided (new)		8
Clean Water Closets provided in place of Privies		
	Latrines	57
	Wash-down	59
New Ash Bins		80
Privies with moveable receptacles		48
Privies with fixed receptacles		64
Number of Privies with open middens		2
Waste Water Closets		164
Clean Water Closets		451
Clean Water Closets (Trough)		112
Houses constructed		2
Total number of Houses in the District		1807
Total number of Houses inspected under the Housing Act		100

Houses inspected under the above Act which required repairs to put them into a good condition—the owners after being notified carried out the necessary repairs which were repairs to drains and windows.

Houses overcrowded :— 1

This House was overcrowded because the upper rooms were used for sleeping and the lower rooms not used for sleeping, to overcome this difficulty the Sanitary Committee requested that the lower rooms be also used for sleeping.

Notices have been served and letters sent asking the owners to repair the defects at the 12 Houses, and where such notices were served all the necessary alterations and repairs were properly carried out.

PLANS for new Buildings were approved by the committee and the Council during the year as follows :—

Houses	...	...	...	...	2
Wash Kitchens	...	...	...	...	2
Alterations to Schools	...	...	...	...	1
Alteration to Chapels	...	...	...	...	1
Alteration to Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	1
Houses re-built	...	...	...	...	2
Mill Warehouses	...	...	...	...	1
Garages	...	...	...	...	2
Petrol Stores	...	...	...	...	1
Work Shops	...	...	...	...	1
Greenhouses	...	...	...	...	2

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.—Number of Slaughterhouses which I have regularly inspected and found clean and in good condition 8

HOUSES DISINFECTED after Infectious and other diseases :—

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1
Consumption	...	...	...	...	2
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	1

Only 1 case of Scarlet Fever was removed to the Council Hospital.

HOUSES DISINFECTED where no Infectious diseases :—

Empty Houses	...	...	...	...	2
Occupied Houses	...	...	...	...	1

Old Bedding burnt at the expense of the owners ... 1

SCHOOLS DISINFECTED.—Liquid disinfectants have been given out to all the Schools for washing the Floors.

ASHPIT CLEANING.—The Council's workmen have cleaned out the Privies and Ashpits, also the Ash Bins for the past 12 months, and under this arrangement 3,722 loads of refuse have been removed and about 30 loads on to the land.

WATER.—The total number of Houses, Shops, and Schools supplied with water from the Council's mains:—

To December 31st, 1924	...	1700
To December 31st, 1925	...	1703

and the average quantity of water used was 53,000 gallons per day for domestic purposes, apart from the quantity used for Trade.

Four Samples of water for analysis were taken during the past year, which were from a spring which supplied 12 houses: this water was found to be of extra good quality, but the pipes for conveying this water were found to be defective and pollution was caused to this water by surface drainage from the land. This has been made good.

COWSHEDS.—We have 46 Cowkeepers and 57 Sheds: all have been kept clean and in good order.

NOTICES:—

No. of Legal Notices served during the year	...	45
No. of Informal Notices	... ..	20

DISINFECTANTS.—During the year I have used 18 cwts. Carbolic Powder for the disinfection of the Privies and Ashpits—and I have given out free to the public 2 cwts of Powder and 60 gallons of Fluid, this was given to persons who called at the Council Offices.

I have also used 40 gallons of Fluid for the disinfection of Drains, Sewers, Flushing Tanks, Gullies, and Water Closets.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. E. HUTTON,

Sanitary Inspector.

